

What's Happening This Sunday, September 18

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Starting at 9:00am

Coffee available in Welcome Lounge

9:00-10:00am

The Gathering - Nine O'Clock Class - Rm 200
Same Kind of Different As Me - Part 2 & Discussion

9:30-10:20am

The Gathering 9:30 classes

WH North: Presbyterian Ponderings
WH South: "Biblical Couples: Good and Bad"

10:30-11:30am

Worship - Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's Music - Geneva Hall
Wee Worshipers (3-5 yrs), Joyful Noise (K-4)
Coffee & Conversation for Parents - Chapel

Youth Sunday School - GH Rooms
Explorers Class (5th-7th) - Youth Game Room
Growing Disciples Class (8th-12th) - HS Room

4:15-5:00pm

Youth Music (5th-12th) - Westminster Hall South
Dinner at 5:00

5:00 - 7:00pm

Youth Group (6th-12th)

5:00 - 6:30pm

Book Study with Debbie - Room 200

SPECIAL EVENTS AFTER WORSHIP

Scholastic Book Fair

Westminster Hall During Fellowship

Scholastic Book Fair



After a two year hiatus, Hudson Memorial Preschool is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair through Sunday, September 18. Please

stop by Westminster Hall after worship to shop!

If you can't make it in person, not a problem! You can shop online through the book fair homepage [here](#) or scan this QR code.



Training On Partition Wall

11:45am - Westminster Hall South

After worship on September 18, a training session will be offered on how to safely open the partition between the north and south sections of Westminster Hall. If your committee or group utilizes (or will at some point utilize) Westminster Hall, at least one person on behalf of the group should attend the training. Knowledge of how to navigate the partition will give you more flexibility in using the space, and proper use of the wall is important to avoid damaging it. Please join us!

Inquirers' Class

1:00pm - Zoom



If you are interested in joining the church or learning more about Hudson, please join us! Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) if interested. If you can't make it to this one, our next class will be Nov. 13.

September Special Offering PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

**NC STATE
UNIVERSITY**

This month's Special Offering is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries. As an extension of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), PCM of

Raleigh seeks to be a unique voice of God's grace on the college campuses in our community. Our donations go specifically to the PCM at NCSU. To investigate the campus ministry at NC State, please check out www.pcmraleigh.org



You can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpe.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

A Note From PCM of Raleigh

As always, thank you for your support of Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh. Your financial contributions enable us to continue to nurture the students entrusted to our care. Throughout the pandemic, our ministry of being a welcoming, brave space to wrestle with faith amid current events has been even more vital. We also appreciate your ongoing commitment to having a Hudson Memorial representative on the PCM Board. Emily Cobb was a dedicated, energetic member during her tenure, and we are excited to welcome Andrea Mouw as your new representative. While programs, meals, and trips are impossible sans funding, our organization would not exist were it not for the devotion to young people from congregations. Thank you for continuing to uphold baptismal vows by ensuring theological education within a beloved community is possible for college-aged adults.

With much gratitude,
Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters, Director
Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh

Children at the Food Bank



We had a great time at the Food Bank this past Saturday! Together with the other volunteers we packed 10,059 pounds of apples and sweet potatoes, which equals 8,382 meals for our neighbors in need!



September Tend My Sheep DIAPERS FOR ST. SAVIOUR'S



This month, the Mission Committee will be collecting diapers for infants (and adults), along with wipes and children's books for the St. Saviour's Center in Raleigh. St. Saviour's is a community service organization that addresses unmet needs for low-income residents of Wake County.

The center is looking for infant diapers (size 5 is especially needed) as well as adult sizes. They are also collecting wipes and gently-used children's books for ages 0-5. **Please bring donations to the church office by Sunday, September 25.** Realizing diapers can be rather bulky and a bit of a struggle to carry - the center has an online service that can be utilized for immediate impact. Click [here](#) for online donations.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Youth Handbells kicked off last Sunday with enthusiasm! Your children (grades 5-12) are invited to join the fun!
Sundays at 4:15pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News

Sunday Mornings

Worship in the Balcony- Every Sunday, meet us in the balcony for worship at 10:30am. It usually ends around 11:30am, and then head upstairs for Sunday school at 11:35am. It is a great way to carve out time for God and for your family!

Explorers' Class: 5th-7th grade youth
Sundays, 11:35am - NEW LOCATION!! This will now be held in Room 226 - the former Game Room.

Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth
Sundays, 11:35am in the High School Room

Youth Sunday Evenings

Handbells & Dinner (5th-12th grade)
4:15-5:00pm (Dinner is 5:00-5:30)

Youth Group (6th-12th grade)
5:00-7:00pm



Youth on Kickoff Sunday for the Explorers and Growing Disciples classes!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's News

Sunday School Registration

Parents of infants - 4th graders: **Be sure to fill out your registration form for the 2022-2023 school year!**

Link to form for Sunday School aged children [here](#).

Link to form for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos [here](#).

Fall Nursery Hours



Nursery will be open until 12:15pm on Sundays to allow parents to go to Coffee & Conversation and allow their siblings to stay for music.

Volunteer Opportunities

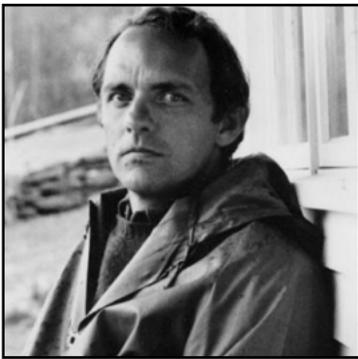
Join us for child-friendly volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank on October 22nd from 2-4 pm. Please register both you AND your child [here](#). Check out the photos on page 2 to see the kids in action last week!



Sabbatical Update: On Death

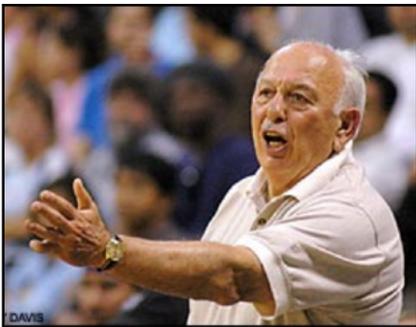
One of the gifts of my 2016 sabbatical was the time to process the death of my mother, June E. Perry, who raised me (as most of you know I'm adopted. My birth mother is still alive and lives in Colorado). I did this processing along the Appalachian Trail in the mountains my mother loved, and along the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Six years later, as I am on sabbatical again, and the world processes the death of Queen Elizabeth II; I am thinking about several other deaths that have taken place while I've been away.



The first is author Frederick Buechner. Buechner's autobiographical books (*Telling Secrets*, *Then & Now*, etc.) helped me a great deal as I began seminary and wrestled with the possibility of a calling and vocation in ministry. Later in life,

his devotional collection, *Let Your Life Speak*, was a wonderful companion for daily reflection on faith and life.



Soon after Buechner died, so did my favorite basketball coach, Pete Carril. I have talked about this tough, cigar-smoking, Michelangelo of the game in sermons over the years. He was the coach of Princeton

University men's basketball team when I was growing up in Princeton. I went to his camps and was a long suffering fan of his teams. I think I got my first gray hair from their near upset of Georgetown in the first round of the NCAA tournament in the early '90s. I had several funny and meaningful personal interactions with Coach Carril that have stuck with me through the years. Indeed, my childhood home was just up the street from the gym he coached in.

Then on Saturday, August 13th, our beloved family dog

Lawson died. For those who had not met him, he was a British Yellow Labrador: Big breast, short legs and the most lovable fella there could be. He occasionally came to the office with me. I knew when I left for my trip, he wasn't well. Because of this, Katy and I had prepared for the possibility of his death. But it was nonetheless difficult when Katy finally called and told me that the end was near. I was thankful for the gift of FaceTime to be able to say goodbye to him.

As Queen Elizabeth II was in her nineties, so were Buechner and Carril. Good long lives. Lawson was only 10. I had hoped we'd have him around several more years. It was not to be.

While I have a sadness that each of the above have died while I have been on pilgrimage, I have a greater appreciation for their lives and the gifts they gave:

With Frederick Buechner, it was his reflections on what vocation is and his vulnerability through the stories of his life that helped shape a younger Mac Schafer.

With Carril, it was his relentless pursuit of the beauty of the game, when executed correctly. The "back door cut" exemplified his commitment to observing opportunity and taking action in basketball.

With Lawson, it was long quiet walks watching him take in the wonders of the world through his nose (or at least other dog smells). But it was mostly his uncomplicated presence of love that he gifted to Katy and I, and of course, to our children, especially through their teenage years.

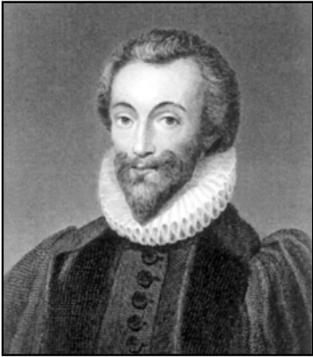
One of the most spiritual moments of my sabbatical was early on: I had made my way by train and bus to the tiny farming village of Dauborn, Germany. This is where the Schafer family harkens from. Indeed, there was a Schafer bakery and Schafer convenience store on the main street of the village (both closed when I was there).

I spent the night there and the next morning walked two miles to the train station for the next stop on my journey. At one point, I was on the top of a rolling hill in the middle of a farm next to the village. It was an absolutely glorious morning. In the quiet, I stopped and looked around and felt a deep sense of connectedness. My father, Carl W. Schafer, has been dead since 2005. The last direct relative to live in Dauborn was Johannes Schafer, who immigrated to the US in the 1840s. My

SABBATICAL UPDATE FROM MAC

Sabbatical Update (*continued*)

Aunt Peg (who many of you know) was the last to visit Dauborn, in 1960. Yet, in the middle of that hill I felt a wave of gratitude and connectedness through the land to those souls who came before me. I spoke words of thanks to my dad for the life and care he provided me. In that moment, I thanked God for the sense of connectedness through the generations (and adoption!). The death of those mentioned above make me thankful for their life and the opportunity we have to open ourselves to connection and relationship.



I recently read a newspaper article by Katherine Rundell called, "What John Donne Knew About Death Can Teach Us A Lot About Life." Donne was a poet and scholar among other things. He also was Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. She says, "John Donne was honest about death and its

place in the task of living, just as he insisted on joy. Both his life and his work tell us the same thing: It is only by keeping death nearby that one can truly live."

Donne says, "We humans are both miracles and catastrophes. We must," he demanded, "acknowledge both death and joy, horror and awe. It is an astonishment to be alive, and life calls on you to be astonished; but lifelong astonishment will take iron-willed discipline."

Rundell goes on, "Wake, his writing tells us, over and over. Weep for this world and gasp for it. Wake, and pay attention to our mortality, to the precise ways in which beauty cuts through us. Pay attention to the softness of skin and the majesty of hands and feet. Attention — real, sustained, unflinching attention — is what this life, with its disasters and delights, demands of you."

I want to thank the congregation for this opportunity to step away from day to day ministry so I can renew body, mind, and spirit. I am grateful.

With Care,



FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Friday Movie Night

September 30 | 6:00pm



Join us for our final Fellowship Friday of 2022! We will gather in Westminster Hall to enjoy fellowship, eat snacks, and watch Disney's *Remember the Titans*. Bring a picnic supper if you'd like. Popcorn, drinks, and dessert provided! You can come anytime after 6:00pm and we will begin the movie at 6:30pm.



Remember the Titans is a true story about a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit. This remarkable story celebrates how a town torn apart by friction and mistrust comes together in harmony.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, September 30 at noon. You can use this [link](#), call the church office at 919-787-1086 (leave a message if no one is there), or email info@hmpe.org.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

Become an Office Volunteer!

Our Office Volunteer Ministry was a blessing to the church this spring and summer and we are grateful for their help! **As we kick off fall, we invite new people to join our rotation!** You can get a peek at what the church is like during the week and give a helping hand to various committees and staff members. This is a great way for newer members to learn more about Hudson and meet other members. Here are some of the tasks office volunteers perform:

- Staff the Karl Hudson Room, answer the phone, direct calls, and open the door to greet guests.
- Collate the weekly bulletin and newsletter, put together visitor welcome bags, and help stuff envelopes for mailings.
- Help with Children's Ministry projects. These recently included: assembling children's backpack tags, and creating welcome packages for families.

It is not a big time commitment, and the hours you choose to volunteer are flexible. It can be fun to do some "behind-the-scenes" work for the church! If you are interested, contact our Office Volunteer Coordinator, [Teri Morris](#) at 919-880-6472.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

THE GATHERING

"The Nine O'Clock Class"
9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Facilitated by
Susan Bradshaw, Dottie Burch and Linda Meeks



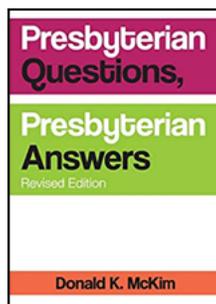
This earlier class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and fellowship. We began the fall semester last week with part one of the movie *Same Kind of Different as Me* and a discussion. Sept 18 and 25 we will watch and discuss

part two and three of the film. This true story is about three people from dramatically different backgrounds who develop a surprising bond and friendship through a local soup kitchen where two are volunteering and one is experiencing homelessness. Each of them learns about themselves and each other, and finds their lives changed in ways they never expected. This series continues this Sunday and next.

In October, we will explore "Pilgrimages around the World".

9:30-10:20am | WH North

Facilitated by **Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg, John James, Gil Graybill**



"Presbyterian Ponderings" is a discussion-based class that welcomes visitors and does not require any advance reading or preparation. From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as the Bible, Humanity, the Church, and Salvation. **For the fall session**

we will be using *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as a primary resource. Participants do not need the book.

9:30-10:20am | WH South

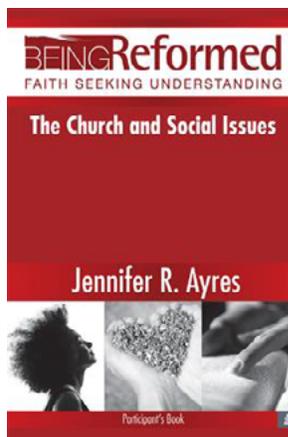
Facilitated by **Susan Grigg, Jimmy Hulsey, Ron Ash**

"Biblical Couples: Good and Bad"
Second Part: September 18



Biblical couples of the Old and New Testaments will be discussed. Instances of both good and downright bad husbands and wives will be described. The nature of the relationship between men and women in Biblical times will aid in our understanding of early church views on marriage. Facilitated by Ron Ash.

Beginning September 25th:
"The Church and Social Issues"



The Church and Social Issues by Jennifer R. Ayres will be our study for several weeks beginning September 25. This will be a discussion class based on various Scripture selections each week as we think about how we as Christians should act in our public lives. How do we deal with the world that we live in today? Each session is a separate study and you are welcome to attend any Sunday.



Presbyterian Pint

Next Gathering: September 22



Men of the church are welcome to join us at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [John James](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Women at the Well



Women at the Well begins the fall schedule in September and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! There are two groups, each with different format, time and content. Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women

to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys.

The Monthly Group

6:00pm | September 22 | Vivo Restaurante

This Week's Topic (Link [here](#))

A Conversation with Barbara Brown Taylor
"Attentiveness on the Farm"

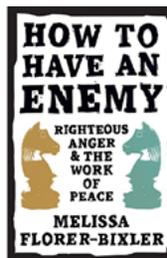
The monthly group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. Participants will receive podcast information a week before each meeting. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) if you are interested in joining the distribution list. **Fall Dates: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15**

The Weekly Group

The weekly group meets Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and is currently using the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans for the fall semester. Conversations will cover our longing for spiritual wholeness found in the church and in other places as we experience the grace and love of God. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) if you are interested in joining the distribution list.

Fall Book Study

Sept. 18 - Nov. 20 | Sundays 5:00-6:30pm



These are troubled times, and the news each day is filled with atrocities that the human community is dealing with, from the Russian invasion of Ukraine to the epidemic of mass shootings across our country. However we respond, systemic change is necessary in order to stop the cycles that cause these and

other destructive behaviors to flourish. As people of a particular faith tradition, we have tools that enable us to be prayerful and thoughtful as followers of Jesus. The Adult Education Committee is offering a book study this fall for those who would like to explore biblical and theological guidance that will assist us in identifying what it means to get into "good trouble" in the words of the late John Lewis. We will be using *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace* by Melissa Florer-Bixler.

The book study will be 5:00-6:30pm in Room 200 on Sundays. **Study begins on September 18 and concludes on November 20.**

To register or for more information, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Sept. 20 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming

Sunday. **The study revolves around 3 questions:** What is a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is needed. It is a great group of guys who are welcoming and wise in their comments. For our in-person meetings, coffee and Bibles are provided. **If you have questions or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact [Don Slater](#) (while Mac is on sabbatical).**

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am - Adult Ed "Nine O'Clock Class" - Room 200
9:30 am - Adult Ed Classes - WH South and WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Children's Music - GH
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation for Parents - Chapel
11:35 am - Youth Sunday School - GH
4:15 pm - Youth Music - WH South
5:00 pm - Youth Dinner & MS/HS Youth Group
5:00 pm - Book Study with Debbie - Room 200

Monday, September 19

7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH 227, 236

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
10:00 am - Sewing Guild - WH South
6:00 pm - Mission Committee
6:15 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - GH 234

Wednesday, September 21

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 22

6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Restaurant
7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint

Friday, September 23

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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DEVOTIONALS

These Days

The fall edition of *These Days* has arrived! Copies are available at the sanctuary entrances. Please contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen 919-787-1086, if you would like one mailed to you.

